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FRIDAY, JUNE 28, 1907.

The only failure a man ought to fear is failure in cleaving to the purpose he sees to be best.—George Eliot.

TO-DAY'S PRIMARY.

The Democratic party of Richmond will hold a primary election to-day to nominate two candidates for the Senate and five for the House of Representatives.

There will be many questions of importance to Richmond, some of them of vital importance, to arise in the next Legislature, and we should be careful to select the best men in the race to represent us in that body. Every qualified voter should make it his business to vote, and he should allow nothing short of necessity to interfere.

The first duty of the day is to vote. It is a duty which every qualified citizen owes to himself; a duty which he owes to his city; a duty which he owes to his State. A man may shirk such a duty, but he cannot escape its obligation.

LEGALIZED PRIMARY.

Our Washington correspondent quotes a prominent Virginian as saying that a bill had been drafted and would be introduced at the next session of the General Assembly providing for a State primary law for the selection of candidates for office, the expense of conducting such election to be paid out of the State treasury.

It is further stated that the bill will be introduced by one of the best-known and most influential members of the lower House, who has seldom failed to push through any measure he espoused.

We suppose that the personal reference is to Hon. R. E. Byrd, of Winchester. At any rate, it is Mr. Byrd's purpose to introduce such a bill. At the recent meeting of the Virginia Press Association, he read a paper on the subject, in which he outlined the plan which he has in mind. He said that he favored a general law designating a particular day upon which all parties should hold primaries, the expenses of the election to be paid by the State.

The present plan of assessing candidates thousands of dollars for the mere privilege of being a candidate for a party nomination is as bad as it could well be," said Mr. Byrd. "It is in effect an exclusion of men of moderate means from the more important offices."

Aside from the fact that the inheritance of money, or the ability to acquire or command it, does not necessarily constitute a statesman, popular government is based upon equality of political opportunity.

A method of nomination which is professedly intended to enlarge the political rights of citizens does not do what it professes when it confines the people to a choice of a few self-anointed candidates who can pay for the privilege of a candidacy.

"Such a system, if persisted in, would soon create an oligarchy based upon wealth, in which the oligarchs would be rich men or the unfortunates of rich men."

"Froude, in that wonderful work of his, 'The Life of Caesar,' says that the Roman Constitution perished because the Senate became an oligarchy. And this came about because, though in theory the Senate was open to all citizens, in fact it was reached by successive elections to offices which involved enormous expenditures, and the Senate became a rich man's club."

"I do not believe that the people of Virginia will long tolerate a method of nomination which shuts the door of preferment in the face of every poor man."

"If rid of this objection, and if some arrangement be made whereby a man's friends and supporters could put him in nomination for a primary candidacy, the primary system presents great advantages. I think it is idle to expect volunteers to do the work for nothing. There could be no proper basis of selection of judges or clerks, and no serious business can depend long upon purely volunteer charity."

Mr. Byrd did not indicate whether or not he proposed to make such a law compulsory. We are opposed to a compulsory law. We think that each party should have the option of choosing its own plan of making nominations, but if the primary be adopted, the party should be required to hold it under the legalized plan, and the cost should be paid by the government. We are not sure, however, that the money to defray such expenses should come out of the State treasury. It seems to us that it would be better to have the expense defrayed by the several counties and cities, as in the case of regular elections. If not, why not?

CHARACTER IN COURT.

Judge Barksdale ruled, in the case of the State vs. Loving, now on trial at Houston, that the prosecution cannot

not introduce witnesses to impeach the testimony of Miss Loving, regarding the statement she made to her father. He held that to admit the testimony would be to deprive the accused of the right guaranteed to plead action of heat of blood. He said that the character of Miss Loving and that of the unfortunate young man were not under scrutiny. Judge Loving may have acted hastily, and a terrible mistake may have been made, said the court, but the law guaranteed him rights, and they must be respected.

If this be law, and we do not question Judge Barksdale's ruling, it is a menace to human life, and should be amended at the first opportunity. We shall not discuss that phase of the subject while the case is in progress, but we cannot forbear to remark that the character of "the unfortunate young man" is under scrutiny. He was charged with having committed, or having attempted to commit, the most infamous of all crimes. He was killed before he had opportunity to make denial or explanation, and after he was sworn witness of the court. But his relatives were present, with evidence in rebuttal, and they claimed to have competent witnesses to disprove every allegation against him and clear his name. Yet, under the law, the rights of the prisoner at the bar are so sacred as to preclude the introduction of any witness in behalf of Theodore Estes, and the testimony of Miss Loving stands unrefuted and unquestioned, as an everlasting record of the court.

Surely that sort of law is not "the perfection of reason." It is a monstrous perversion of justice and a cruel wrong to the dead.

VIRGINIA WOMEN.

Remembering the mad rush of New York women to secure cards admitting them to a famous murder trial a few months ago, Northern newspapers have already directed attention to the fact—which seems remarkable to them—that not a single woman entered the courtroom at Houston, where a case of similar importance in this State was being heard. The newspapers need not express surprise because of this. Indeed, there would be surprise and mortification if the women of Virginia showed the least desire to be present when a terrible story was being unfolded on the witness stand. Their very nature rebels against the thought. They have sympathy and compassion for those afflicted; they feel most keenly for one of their sex who has been placed in a position more trying than death itself, and they prefer to show it by remaining away.

If the Loving trial had been sent to Richmond instead of Houston, the conditions would have been the same, and it is wrong, therefore, for the newspapers to account for the absence of women by the explanation that Houston is in the "backwoods." There were no women at the Strother trial at Culpeper. Some of them did hear the evidence in the McCue case, but that was not like the proceeding at Culpeper and Houston.

The women of Virginia, thank God, are not depraved. Their modesty and sense of decency make them shudder at the thought of piling into a foul courtroom. Their attitude, moreover, in this matter is so natural and so thoroughly typical of all that is true of the Old Dominion that we might eliminate all reference to it, except to remind the newspapers of the North that there is no justification for the delightful feeling of surprise.

IS THERE AN ICE TRUST?

It is again asserted that there is an arbitrary ice trust in Richmond, and that consumers are at its mercy. The dealers admit that there is an agreement between them as to prices and regulations, only "one" concern claiming to be independent. It is also charged that in some cases consumers have been refused ice by the combine, unless they would sign an agreement not to patronize any independent concern. It is also charged that no independent concern can buy ice in an emergency from the combine.

We know not that these charges are true, but they should be thoroughly investigated by the grand jury.

If there is such a trust in Richmond, it is a combination in restraint of trade, and clearly in violation of law. Let the grand jury make diligent inquiry and report the facts.

It has come sooner than we expected. Colonel Goethals, now in charge of construction work on the Panama Canal, asks to be relieved. It is gradually becoming apparent that that ditch will never get dug until a few Richmond men get interested and go down there and put the thing through.

A Pittsburgh man killed himself on receiving his doctor's bill. Had he killed himself earlier, there would have been no doctor's bill, and hence no reason for doing so at that particular time.

Lulu Glasier announces that her husband will "support" her next season. There's a man who doesn't begin to appreciate the perquisites of being a star's husband.

Great Britain institutes as many curbing movements against the House of Lords as we do against all the trusts combined. The results, in each case, are very similar.

A statute is in order to limit the hypothetical questions of jurisprudence to a length of a certain number of miles.

"Summer School Begins" says a headline in a local contemporary. If the school is in the rose cold belt, we, for one, will have nothing to do with it.

Now that a Texas delegation has visited Richmond, we will say unhesitatingly that there is hope for the old Lone Star State yet.

It is pretty generally understood that when a Harriman road cuts a stock region, it is always a watermelon.

The isthmus of Panama appears to be one of the most popular places to get away from on the map.

Poems You Ought to Know

Whatever your occupation may be, and however crowded your hours with affairs, do not fail to secure at least a few minutes every day for refreshment of your inner life with a bit of poetry.—Prof. Charles Elliot Norton.

No. 1215.

Universality.

By WILLIAM WORDSWORTH.

Other selections from this author, his portrait, autograph and biographical sketch, have already been printed in this series.

O'er the wide earth, on mountain and on plain,
Dwells in the affections and the soul of man
A godhead, like the universal Pan,
But more exalted, with a brighter train.
And shall his bounty be dispensed in vain,
Showered equally on city and on field,
And neither hope nor steadfast promise yield
In these assuming times of fevered pain?
Such dawn awaits us, Naïf, forbid it, Heaven!
We know the arduous strife, the eternal laws
To which the triumph of all good is given,
High sacrifice, and labor without pause.
Even to the death: else wherefore should the eye
Of man converse with immortality?

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Rhymes for To-Day. People Seen in Public Places

TO "THE UNDONE YAST."

COME, Muse, a little roundelay
Anent the happiness of play,
Whenas compared to work!
For where's the man who does not find,
When he would frolic with his kind,
His lot a grievous task?

And what's the use of labor when
The summer's on the streams again,
And all the calm hills smile?
Leave fools to grind their hearts away!
But we—we're here to holiday
For such a little while!

Bob Browning punctured work—"Con-
trast
The petty done, the undone yast"—
And he was right, my friend:
The holiday drowned to death in toil,
The sweating noon, the midnight oil,
Are nothing at the end.

Oh, work's a bogie, work's a sham!
Let my whole praise be that I am
Addicted to a daff!
And now I'll put these thoughts away
To gambol all the living day
With winsome little Sophie.

H. S. H.

MERELY JOKING.

Entertaining.
Ethel: "You say she is an entertaining talker."
Cassius: "Oh, my, yes; she can entertain herself for hours at a time."—Exchange.

Townley's Caution.
Jack: "Townley is an exceedingly cautious man, don't you think?"
John: "Cautious! Why, he wouldn't pay a compliment without getting a receipt for it."—Exchange.

A Slip.
"A poor tramp stopped at the door to-day," said Mrs. Subbs, "and I gave him a good meal."
"Well, well," sneered her husband, "why did you do that, so?"
"I just couldn't help it; he reminded me of you. I asked him if he'd save some wood for me, and he said he was too tired."—Catholic Standard and Times.

Their Grandmothers.
Johnny: "My grandmother died and left me some money."
"That Mine died and let me go to a ball game."—New York Sun.

Too Hasty Now.
Tom: "I laughed at my wife when she first took up physical culture for a fad."
Seeker: "Why, don't you now?"
Meeks: "I daresn't."—Brooklyn Eagle.

At the Garage.
Assistant: "Mr. Richman is telephoning for his machine. Can you send it to him to-day?"
Manager: "Don't see how we can. Why, his machine is the only one round here fit to use."—Boston Record.

POINTS FROM PARAGRAPHERS.

THE San Francisco plan of having the executive officers of a town do their work from a jail cell has some distinguished merits, especially in cases where the jail and the city treasury are a comfortable distance apart.—Washington Times.

Judge Grosscup says "the people own the corporation," so don't overlook your Standard Oil dividends next time.—New York Herald.

Harry Orchard testifies that he was once a Mason, but as he makes no mention of having tried to blow up the goat, the statement is open to doubt.—Kansas City Journal.

John Temple Graves hastens to say that he never said what the newspapers said he said the President said. Correction is the better part of valor.—Brooklyn Eagle.

If the Hague Peace Conference aspires to make a world record for courage and diplomatic finesse, it might attack the servant-girl problem.—Atlanta Constitution.

A thousand years ago an English King, with Mark Twain at his garden party, would have conceived the brilliant idea of concealing his humor and making him the court jester.—Springfield Republican.

PERSONAL AND GENERAL.

Providence, R. I., has limited a new municipal franchise to six years.
Congressman William Sulzer says the President is "a great and good friend" of his.

Baron Rosen, the Russian ambassador to Washington, is one of the finest piano players in Washington.

Sir William Preece, the scientist, declares that he can hear the clash of electric storms on the surface of the sun.

J. P. Martin, proprietor of the famous Cafe Martin, New York, has been fined \$125 for having gross and quail out of season.

A lake of quicksilver, covering an area of more than three acres and having a depth ranging from ten feet to fifty feet, has been discovered in the mountains of the State of Vera Cruz, Mex. The value of the product is estimated at millions.

Mrs. John Gray, widow of the former Secretary of State, and her sister, Mrs. Samuel Mather, have given to Adelbert College, Cleveland, a memorial chapel in memory of their father, Amos Stone.

Rev. B. Harting-Gould, author of "Onward, Christian Soldiers," in spite of his seventy-three years, is as upright to-day as he was thirty years ago. He attributes this credit to his inviolable custom of writing at a high desk in a standing position.

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SOCIAL and PERSONAL

YESTERDAY.

Concert by pupils of the Richmond Conservatory, at 8 o'clock in the Auditorium Building, at 830 P. M.
Morey-Sargent wedding at 9 P. M. at No. 300 East Grace Street.

TO-DAY.

Bridge tournament at Woman's Club at 8:30 P. M.
Eisteddfod concert at Richmond Conservatory of Music in the City Auditorium, at 8:30 P. M.

Morey-Sargent.

A pretty marriage, which was celebrated at 9 o'clock last evening in the home of the bride, No. 300 East Grace Street, was that of Miss Frances Lenora Sargent, daughter of Mrs. Annie Eunice Sargent, to Mr. Edward James Morey, of this city. The Rev. Dr. Jere Witherspoon, of Grace Street Presbyterian Church, was the officiating clergyman.

Decorations in palms and cut flowers carried out a scheme of white and green. Mr. R. E. Harlow played the wedding march. Mrs. Louise Sargent, cousin, the bride's sister, was matron of honor, and wore pale blue chiffon with gloves to match. Her flowers were pink sweet peas. Dr. Frank L. Costenbader was best man; and the bride's niece, little Miss Margaret Eunice Sargent, dressed in fluffy white and carrying a basket of pink and white sweet peas, acted as flower girl.

The bride entered with her brother, Mr. Charles Francis Sargent. She was gowned in white lace over chiffon and silk and wore a tulle veil. Her flowers were white roses and lilies of the valley.

An informal reception followed the ceremony, at which the bride's mother wore black net over silk, and Mrs. R. E. Harlow, in a white embroidered robe, presided at the punch-bowl.

Mr. and Mrs. Morey will leave New England and will be at home after July 15th at No. 600 East Grace Street.

Third Concert.

The pupils of the Richmond Conservatory of Music appeared in a well-arranged concert program last evening in the City Auditorium, corner Linden and Cary streets, the third in a series. Mr. Frank E. Cosby directed the several numbers, in which ten or more pupils took part. The program was as follows:

1. March, with ten pianos, ensemble.
2. "Concerto Caprice" (Ricardo Casastro). Miss Mary Howard.
3. "Santuzza" (Rossini). Misses Mary King, Roberta Pollock, Louise King, Ruth Dobson, Fanny Hutson, Claire McCarthy, Annie Vaden, Mary Howard, Annie Selden, Adelaide King, Ethel Lind, Parsons, Mary Harrison, Mary Vaden, Misses Wingfield, Coburn, John Winston, Fontaine and Christian Evensen.
4. "Premier Balade" (Chopin). Mr. John Winston Fontaine.
5. "Cavatina" (Haydn). Misses Louise Gwathmey, John Harrison, Beatrice Brewer, Pauline Erstein and Ethel Waldrop.
6. "Masters Clifford Greene, Robert Tupper and George Lundin."
7. "Darmstadt" (Ketterer). Miss Roberta Pollock.
8. "Silver Spring" (Mason). Miss Ernestine Walker.
9. "Third Symphony" (Beethoven). Misses Mary Rice, Roberta Pollock, Mary Harrison, Ethel Nunn, Emma Tillery, Kate Parsons, Ethel Waldrop, Mary Howard, Annie Selden, Louise King, Ernestine Walker, Fanny Hutson, Claire McCarthy, Claire Portwig, Messrs Christian Evensen and John Winston Fontaine; Mr. Frank Cosby, director.

Davis-Carver.

A pretty but quiet marriage took place Wednesday afternoon, when Miss Benoit Estelle Carver became the bride of Mr. John Calvin Davis, the Rev. Dr. Ryland T. Knight, of Calvary Baptist church, officiating. The wedding march was played by Miss Ella Newman. The bride was attired in white organdy, and carried a shower bouquet of bride's roses.

Immediately after the ceremony, Mr. and Mrs. Davis left for Jamestown for a few days. Alexandria, Va., will be the future home of the young couple. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas P. Carver, of Brook Road; and the groom is a very popular employe of the Richmond, Fredericksburg and Potomac Railway.

Committee to Meet.

The Woman's Auxiliary Hospitality Committee of the General Episcopal Convention will meet Monday morning at 11 o'clock in Grace church, Sunday-school room.

Excursion To-Morrow.

All arrangements are completed for the excursion down the James River to Jamestown Island, to be given to-morrow under the auspices of the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. The steamer Brandon will leave at 8 A. M., and tickets may be obtained at the wharf to-morrow morning. Luncheon will be served by the ladies of the Retreat for the Sick.

For the convenience of the Petersburgers, who wish to make the trip, a stop will be made at City Point, and it is hoped that a large contingent from the City will go. On the return trip, excursionists will be given an opportunity to visit historic

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Of Interest Here.

A cablegram has been received by friends of the Rev. Dr. and Mrs. Arthur S. Lloyd announcing that they have reached Honolulu, en route home from their Asiatic trip. They expect to arrive at their home, in East Orange, N. J., about July 20th. Dr. Lloyd is general secretary of the Episcopal board of missions of the United States, and with his wife has traveled practically around the world, making a comprehensive study of the mission fields.

Dr. Lloyd's daughter, Miss Elizabeth Lloyd, spent the past winter in Virginia, dividing her time between friends in Richmond and Norfolk. Miss Gay Lloyd, who was at school in Baltimore during the past session, also visited in Richmond during the Christmas holidays.

Club Hostesses.

Ladies invited to act as hostesses at the bridge tournament, to be played at the Woman's Club this evening, include Mrs. C. M. Forrell, Mrs. Howard Hoge, Miss L. M. Knox, Miss Jane M. Rutherford, Mrs. Henningham Spilman, Mrs. D. T. Williams, Mrs. Stewart Woodward and Mrs. Williamson.

Kreiter-Cockrill.</